

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed July 28, 2004, has been reviewed. Please consider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claims now in the application are the following: 1-12.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner rejected claims 1 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Calhoun et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 2,567,009). Claim 1 has been amended to add the limitation that **at least one** of the first and second carriages is movable laterally with respect to the base. Calhoun et al. disclose in Figs. 1 and 3 vertical frame members 47, 48, 49, and 50 attached to flange member 44 and top plate member 52 by bolts 51 and 54, respectively. The vertical frame members, although removably attached to the flange member, are **not** movable laterally with respect to the coupling 15. Applicant therefore respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the rejection of claim 1 as amended and pass claim 1 to issue.

The Examiner's argument concerning claim 6 is noted. However, claim 6 depends from claim 1 and it is respectfully submitted that amended claim 1 obviates the Examiner's rejection. Applicant therefore respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the rejection of claim 6 and pass claim 6 to issue.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of claims 7-12.

The Examiner objected to claims 2-5 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. However, claims 2-5 ultimately depend from claim 1 and it is respectfully submitted that amended claim 1 obviates the Examiner's rejection. Applicant therefore respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the objection to claims 2-5 and pass claims 2-5 to issue.

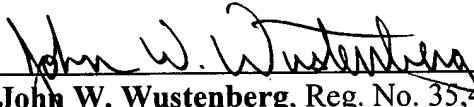
Summary

It is respectfully submitted that the application, as amended, is in condition for allowance for the reasons stated above. Therefore, it is requested that the Examiner reconsider the application and allow all claims now in the application. This amendment is intended to be a complete response to the Office Action mailed July 28, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

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